



## District 49B 3rd Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Saturday, February 4, 2023

9:00 am AKDT

Welcome and Call to Order at 9:10 am by DG Johnson.

PCC Howard moves to not sing and D Durbin 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote passed.

Opening by 1VDG Kirchner

Opening Comments by DG Johnson

PID Lewis Quinn – not present

CC Juanita Webb – welcome everyone. Will be on for a bit,

49A DG Bert Verall – not present

1VDG B. Kirchner –welcome everyone. Since last meeting the Global Action people met and thank PDG Dodie, PCC Ski, IPDG Helen for being at the meeting. Thanks for being here.

2VDG J. Marcinkowski – Thank you for everybody for being here, they had some conflict today, so they could not attend in person, have fun.

DG L. Johnson – thank you for coming out. Good turnout in person and online. Thanks

Role call by CST B Durbin

Voting Cabinet members present: DG Johnson, 1VDG Kirchner, 2VDG J. Marcinkowski (via Zoom), IPDG Blattner (via Zoom), CST B. Durbin, Zone 3 Chair M. Peterson, Zone 4 Chair Turner (via Zoom), Zone 5 Chair D. Durbin, Zone 6 Chair B. Lane, GMT PCC S. Marcinkowski (via Zoom), GLT PDG D. Rixie, GST IPDG Blattner

Committee members present: D. Bellows, PCC H. Rixie, PDG K. Lane,

Clubs present: Anderson Clear,, Choice, Goldstream, Host, Offroad, Fox, Healy Valley, Interior Baseball, Kotzebue, North Pole, Fireweed

## **Approval of Agenda**

DG Johnson

Motion B Lane, D Durbin 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote, passed

## **Administrative Reports**

2nd Cabinet Meeting Minutes

CST B. Durbin

PDG Dodie motion, 1VDG Bobby 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote, passed.

Correspondence – None

Purchase of new computer for treasurer stuff – 1VDG Bobby motion, PDG Dodie 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote, passed.

## **Club Reports (3 minutes)**

Anderson Clear – still here

Delta (via email) - In December we did an Angel tree for kids under OCS. There were 23 kids that gifts were donated for. We then wrap them all and turn over to OCS for delivery. Provided a donation only pancake breakfast at the high school holiday bazaar. Then ran a coat check table for the day. We are chartering a new girls scouting troop in Delta. We did vision screenings for 331 elementary school kids. I think that's all. We took a break for January.

Choice – received a donation from Lotto Alaska for \$50,000. Welcomed 3 new members. Sponsored 5 cheerleading scholarships. Preparing for Cancer BBQ time TBD, awaiting contact from organizer from the cancer society. Tax man blues calendars sale should begin by Med-Feb 1 – March 2023, with a drawing from 1-15 April 2023, also with \$5.00 sold and top seller prize for most calendars sold is 1<sup>st</sup> \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$100 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$50. Presented letter to Habitat for Humanity for possible donation for about \$25,000 to our club for land development. Step one is to have the 16 acres appraised and surveyed for potential usages, which could include any of the following: indoor sports complex for all sports, two baseball fields, or a fishing pond with benches for kids. Currently we rent out to the Airsoft community the front portion of our land for taxes only. The main focus of group is Youth sports.

Goldstream – been busy this winter, adopt a family for Christmas, Leos wrapped the gifts, planning for fireworks show that is tonight at 6 pm with bonfire, concession. Leos are starting to raise money for stands. Inducted 5 new members. Arden club is up and running, seed swap, doing garden movies once a month. One of new members is doing a yoga group once a week. Have a craft night going. Had first President's meeting in 3 years.

Howard ask if they have a Facebook page and the events are on the page. Dianna let her know that you can share to the District 49B page and they will get on there.

Host – On Christmas Day they visited the youth facility and was successful, there were 12 kids. Adopt a family and was successful. Quilt of Valor is very active and on-going, have about 20 members. Davis Hall is being used for Ice Alaska as a warm up and snack place, moving in this week. Our club is looking at the future and what our focus will be, had PCC Howard come out. Also look at membership. Collect food for food bank and later this month members will help with dog race in Fairbanks. Quilts of Valor also makes dog blankets and the money from them goes to Leader Dog. Howard asked how many in stock, Bobby said kind of low. Howard is offering them to put up a table at the NP Championships if they want.

Offroad – Club been quiet, meeting will be Tuesday. Got a grant from Lotto of \$25 and borough \$20,000. Gained 1 member but lost 4 that moved out of state. Need to work on membership.

Fox – Foot clinic going on today. Donated to food bank. Had Christmas party for kids at Turtle, 86 kids, Santa and Ms. Claus was there and had food and gifts, had a good time and had dog sled rides. Going to have Super Bowl fundraiser this next Saturday at Fox store. Have several new members and have a few potentials.

Dodie asked about the glasses, readers, if we donated a Lions club there or had the glasses purchased and mailed there would it by pass the cost from the government of \$2.00 per pair. Rick said no, the government thinks it takes away from the work people there, he said no, they would still charge.

Healy Valley – Did the community Thanksgiving, planned 320 people and ran out an hour before thought they would, the community was excited about it. Raised \$700+ in the tip jar. Gained a few members and have a few more possible. The land they want was rezoned away from the school. Do not think they will have issues with getting the land for the center. Starting school lunch at Tri-Valley school – Taco Thursdays, to go orders for public, as well. Getting ready to spend last of grant money to redo out houses. Looking at a couple new events – do with the women's hockey team, corn hole fundraiser this summer. Looking at applying borough grant again for the lake, shed painted this summer. Land is kitty corner of the school, across from the playground.

Interior Baseball – We are holding steady with membership having signed up two new members since our last cabinet meeting. We were a sponsor for the Sparktacular fireworks show and have also made a donation to LCIF. We have been meeting regularly and have been planning for our upcoming baseball season. To kick start the season, we are hosting a community baseball preview for the kids on February 25<sup>th</sup> at Hunter Elementary School. High School Baseball officially starts in March and several members are involved in coaching and umpiring during that season. We will be starting sales of our Baseball Cash calendar by next month. Any club or other organization can sell calendars and keep \$5 for each calendar sold. First drawing will be June 21<sup>st</sup>. We are planning to raffle a 4-wheeler again with our first sales opportunity to be at Cruisin' with Santa.

Kotzebue – Up to 33 members now, got a few months ago. In October donated \$1500 for disability program. Had pictures with Santa in December, good event, saw 300 kids. Had purchased slippers for elders in long-term care, 17 elders. Will be having events in spring for race events, they use the building. Hoping to have Easter bunny pictures. Doing all we can. Hope to do scholarships this year.

North Pole – Has been very busy. We currently are working on North Pole Championships dog mushing in March, Crusin in May and Cancer run in June. Our Leos have been active. They did a book drive for Rampart to build a village library in February, about 200 books and book shelves, will overnight in the school. Their big event is day before Mother's Day is mental health run/walk. Will have different stations about mental health through the walk. Doing at Chena Lakes.

Fireweed – Not happy with the club right now. Dodie had suggested meeting with members for coffee/drinks and no one came except Lydia.

Tok (via email) - We are not meeting again until April for our Club's main function is managing and maintaining Tok Memorial Park and running the swimming pool. So during the winter months this year we are basically raising funds (pull tabs) to pay for the summer programs. Our Club is working with the State of Alaska on finalizing the land survey. Hopefully by 2023 it will be finally completed. We are currently advertising for two lifeguard positions for the upcoming summer

## **Zone Chair Reports**

Z 2 – No report

Z 3 – Mark and Janis is trying to set up meeting to visit clubs together. Mark will attend Baseball Lions.

Z 4 – Sent Christmas cards to her clubs. Trying to find a way to get with her clubs.

Z 5 – Working on a time to meet with 3 down South.

Z 6 – Heard from a couple but not been in contact with the 3<sup>rd</sup> one.

Z 7 – No report

Break for 10 minutes

## **Committee Reports (3 minutes)**

Audit – was completed and reported at last cabinet meeting

Elections- there will be an emailing going out about nominations for DG, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG and 2VDG. They can be turned in up until the day before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of convention, April 13<sup>th</sup>. However, since not all delegates will be at convention, I highly suggest all people running to submit bios to be sent out to all voting members, due 2 weeks before. PCC Howard question – The ballot, still doing electronic ballot? When are they published. CST B. Durbin explained the process last year. Delegate

certification form? CST – I will be sending this out soon. We will be sending out an email explaining the process. We will not be in town, so PDG Dodie will be doing secretary/treasurer for me and Donna will be doing election stuff for Dianna.

Sight Conservation – on the Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Alaska Governor had a task force – Alaska Work Matters Task Force, they just finished their final report – PCC Howard handed out a copy of the report. Been helping with getting technological things with other agencies for clients.

Pin Chair – No report

LCIF - Have been attending the Constitutional Area 1H LCIF coordinator meetings monthly. Will be attending the Constitutional Area 2 LCIF coordinator meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>. This Lions year so far only three clubs donated to LCIF for a total of \$4550. This includes personal donations made by individual Lions which counts towards the club total. Several clubs have enough money to designate Melvin Jones Fellows. If your club has a Lion who you wish to recognize this is a great way. Our District also has enough to recognized one Lion with a Melvin Jones Fellow. Remember, if a club (including individual Lions) donates \$5,000 during a Lions year they are eligible for a community impact grant of 15% of what was donated (\$750 in the case of \$5,000 donated). These grants can be used for anything that are service oriented and are cumulative from previous years if not used. If any club has a need or want to request a grant from LCIF, please contact me.

Lion Quest – Is a Social/Emotional learning program, in 100 countries, impacted over 16 million students. Traditional Lion Quest was taught in schools, but met with Artic Lions Board of Directors – want to start Lion Quest in the Interior through the Hockey groups, start low and slow in the fall. We can get grants for everything we need and not matching. Can get grant to get people trained to do Lion Quest as well as a grant for doing the program. It has simplified over the past year, it can now be done online. Start small and then move on to other clubs.

49B Foundation – Had a meeting last month and another next month. Discovered all the treasurer information has been put away somewhere. Donna tried to get in account, but she is not on and Janis is not either, so they are working on that. We are getting payments for the youth camp. At the meeting Howard presented information for the North Pole Chamber new building, and the Foundation donated \$25,000 to the North Pole Chamber meeting at the meeting last month. At next meeting looking at what their focus is and goals they want to work on. The Trust is meeting Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Will do elections at convention, 3 positions will be open for 3 year terms and trustees for 2 year terms.

ABLERC – Eyeglass recycling center doing well, appreciate any financial support, our fixed costs are covered by gaming income. Any other income is generally going into eye care program. Over this past year we have bought 3 new lenseometer, it has increased production. We have 2 Saturdays from 9-1, need the

people to help. Have 25,000 glasses that need to be washed, could do most in 8 hours 3 days if wanted because of new dish washer. Do not have the volunteers to do the reading of the glasses. Need 12,000 glasses read and then the 25,000 that need to be washed. Going into peak season. Have a request of 2,000 glasses, just gave Doc Myers 1,000 and State of Texas 3,000 for their mission, also gave Rick some to take to Mexico. We are also doing Air National Guard mission – 1500 to 2000 glasses, do not have enough glasses for those demands, need people to help. Do not want to see this program go down the same way as the youth camp! Processed over half millions of glasses and most of them have gone out across the world. We need volunteers and cannot rely on the same ones or they might run away!

Upcoming Health Fair dates: ABLERC is involved, bring readers, wipes, sunglasses and application. Upark – March 4; Nenana – March 30; Salcha – April 1, Two River – April 22; Healy – April 28; Central – May 20; Rangal – April 1; Gus Davis – April 29; Sitka – May 13; Makiska – May 20.

Constitution/ By-Laws- officially nothing to report. When we go into next year, sit down with a few people, we need to do some changes. It is a time for the Cabinet to charge/remind the clubs if they have not looked at their constitution and by-laws, to relook at them to see if they need to do any changes.

Social Media – Please post or share on Facebook, administrators have to approve, so it may take a little bit. If you want to be an admin, she can add people. Love to have people to share or post.

GMT – As a whole District 49B is a plus 3 for the Lions year as of February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Two clubs are under 10 members (Whitehorse Fireweed & Lake LaBerge). Four clubs have 19 members and below (Barrow, Dease Lake, Whitehorse, and Whitehorse Grey Mountain). What assistance is needed? Do we need to conduct a revival similar to what we did in Healy and Anderson? Are our Lions out of the habit of asking others to join? Remember our slogan from a couple of years ago from Past International President Joe Preston, just ask one. We have nine clubs who have not filled out a membership report in four or more months and two clubs has not filled it out in over a year. I'm willing to train club secretaries and presidents on how to do this. Are club membership chairs appointed? FYI, if there is not a membership chair appointed it automatically is the immediate past president. I believe both Whitehorse and Fairbanks can get cultural clubs started with the large Filipino populations we have. If you know someone discuss it with them...let's add a new club or two for DG Lizz. The USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be in Reno, Nevada, in September and is a great way to learn more about how to attract more Lions.

GST - nothing to report, mom has been sick.

Global Action meeting – Bobby, Dodie, Ski, Helen and Janis – discussed rolls and if they were comfortable with what they were doing. Most felt underutilized.

Dodie talked about the training – got to have people come to the training. Rolls are going good and people are doing their positions.

Club visits are a good thing this is how the information gets out. Need to go visit and not just call. You can then see needs in clubs and can pass the information and people resources to the clubs. Need to work the clubs...

### **Leadership Moment**

GLT PDG D.

Rixie

Has done some one on one training and phone calls. PCC Howard went with DG Lizz to Barrow and did some training. Also PCC Howard did a retreat with Host Lions. The next District training will be May 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 in North Pole, it will be Club Officer review and Lion orientation, will add in secretary duties and online stuff. June 11 will be incoming District officer training from 10-1 here, a Sunday. Dodie attended 1VDG Bobbie's service meeting and was able to tie down the above dates. Need to know from the District what training we would like at MD convention, so she can work with them. Top 3 class would like to see. District Digest news emailed out from LCI, good information. Really excited to stay on as Leadership Chair to do better, would like to request to go to Forum.

### **Clubs in Trouble**

Thanks to the clubs that have paid the District. I would like to see all clubs paid to zero by end of June, but not sure that will happen. Will be sending 2<sup>nd</sup> MD tax in March. Will add blurb about District dues starting in July again and that LCI dues are going up over the next 3 years.

Check LCI balances, we have gotten quite a few correspondences in past lately about some clubs. Check balances because 2<sup>nd</sup> part of LCI dues dropped in December.

### **Old Business**

#### **1). MD Convention Update**

PDG K. Lane

April 12-15 @ Wedgewood Resort. Early bird is \$200 by Feb. 15; Got a lot of response from District A, they are paying for 2 people from each club. We need District A to respond, so please get these out to the clubs. Meeting next Saturday here, if you would like to help, please come at 1 pm.

### **New Business**

1). Health Clinic in Fairbanks on April 21-23 – OD Patrick Campaign doing a health care in Anchorage and Fairbanks. He is looking for 300 volunteers for the Fairbanks clinic from April 22-23. He plans to visit some clubs in near future when he comes up.

2). Forum – CST Beth is also asking to go to forum, changing positions from CST to GST, very excited to be doing it. PDG Dodie also asked to go to forum. It would be pulled out from the special training money. We also send

the 2VDG. Sept 21-23 in Reno, they have 3 hotels together that will be hosting. Estimation with flights from \$1580 to 1680. Buddy motioned to pay for these 2 people under the leadership money, Dianna 2<sup>nd</sup>. Voted – passed.

3). 3 trainings we want at convention – Went around room for top classes; retention, recruitment, Leo's, membership, progression in Lions, navigating online and app., marketing, legal/budgetary for clubs, value of the District, involving both young and older members, seasonal members. Going to recommend that Value of District be passed off to our National Guest at some point. She will combine and give suggestions and see what we get.

### **For the Good of the Order**

Karen: club doing event this summer where all Lions club would be invited to come to this event with individual table, would be free and to the public, at beginning of planning. @ Pioneer Park.

If you are interested in helping with convention, meeting next Saturday at 1:00 pm.

1 VDG - Bobby – Thank you for coming, it was a great meeting.

DG Lizz – Thank you everyone. Thank you PDG Dodie for making breakfast and those that came early to set up.

**Adjournment:** Lizz motion, Dianna 2<sup>nd</sup>. At 12:33 pm